

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendments

In the Claims:

Please cancel without prejudice or disclaimer claims 122, 123, 134 and 135.

{ Please substitute the following claim 121 for the pending claim 121: }

Claim 121. (amended) An isolated protein comprising a fragment of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4;
wherein said protein specifically binds an antibody that specifically binds a protein consisting of the complete amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.

{ Please substitute the following claim 133 for the pending claim 133: }

Claim 133. (twice amended) An isolated protein comprising amino acid residues encoded by a polynucleotide which hybridizes to the polynucleotide complement of the coding region of SEQ ID NO:3 under the following conditions:

(a) incubating overnight at 42°C in a solution consisting of 50% formamide, 5x SSC, 50 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.6), 5x Denhardt's solution, 10% dextran sulfate, and 20 µg/ml denatured, sheared salmon sperm DNA; and

(b) washing at 65°C in a solution consisting of 0.1x SSC;

wherein said polynucleotide encodes a protein that specifically binds an antibody that specifically binds a polypeptide consisting of the complete amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.

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